

# Reading 2005, Grade 8

## Reading Composite

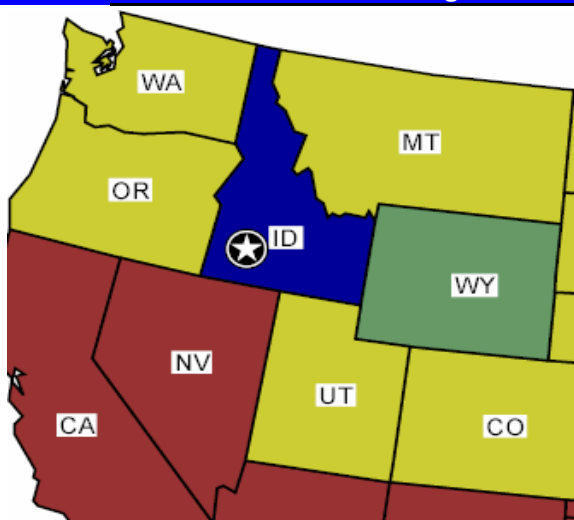


### Idaho NAEP Snapshot

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The Reading assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) used multiple-choice and constructed-response questions to examine comprehension in three contexts: Reading for Literary Experience, to Be Informed, and to Perform a Task. The reading scale scores ranged from 0 to 500, where 243 is an eighth grade *Basic* performance, 281 is *Proficient*, and 323 is *Advanced*.

### Reading in the Northwest (Average Scale Score)

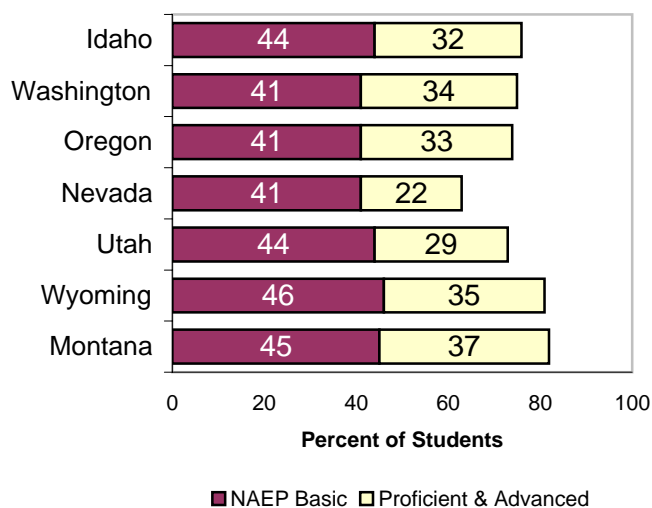


Legend: Idaho (blue) is the focal state. States in green scored significantly higher than Idaho. States in yellow were not statistically different from Idaho. States in red scored significantly lower than Idaho.

- ◆ In 2005, the average reading scale score for 8th grade students in Idaho was 264. This was higher than that of students across the nation (260).
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had a higher average scale score on the 2005 reading assessment than their peers in Nevada.
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had an average reading scale score in 2005 that was not different from their peers in Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Montana.
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had a lower average reading scale score in 2005 than their peers in Wyoming.

### Percentage at NAEP Reading Achievement Levels

- ◆ Seventy-six (76) percent of Idaho 8th grade students scored at or above *Basic* on the 2005 reading assessment. This was higher than the nation's 71 percent.
- ◆ Idaho had a higher percentage of 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2005 reading assessment than their peers in Nevada.
- ◆ The percentage of Idaho 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* in 2005 was not different from Washington, Oregon and Utah.
- ◆ Idaho had a lower percentage of 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2005 reading assessment than Montana and Wyoming.



Comparisons are based on statistical tests (.05 level) that consider magnitude of difference and standard errors.

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